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Applicant: Norio HAGA et al.	Art Unit: 2672
Serial No.: 09/171,236	Examiner: M. Good-Johnson
Filed: July 13, 1999	
Title: IMAGE PROCESSING DEVICE AND IMAGE PROCESSING METHOD	

**AMENDMENT**

Commissioner for Patents  
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Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated May 17, 2004, the period for response to which has been extended to September 17, 2004, by the accompanying Petition for a ONE-month Extension of Time, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

- ☐ Amendments to the Specification begin on page      of this paper.
- ☒ Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of the claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.
- ☐ Amendments to the Drawings begin on page      of this paper and include an attached replacement sheet. An Appendix including the amended drawing figures is attached following page      of this paper.
- ☒ Remarks/Arguments begin on page 14 of this paper.
- Please note, if a box is not checked, then no corresponding amendment is being made.